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1. UNITED NEWS OF INDIA (UNI) REPORTS THAT THE INDIAN CABINET DECIDED AUGUST 29 TO ACCEDE TO THE WISHES OF THE SIKKIM ASSEMBLY FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF THE KINGDOM IN INDIA'S POLITICAL AND PARLIAMENTARY INSTITUTIONS. ACCORDING TO THE AUGUST 29 REPORT, SIKKIM WILL BECOME "AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE INDIAN UNION" AS SOON AS THE INDIAN PARLIAMENT ACTS ON A CONSITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO BE PLACED BEFORE IT BY MRS. GANDHI'S GOVERNMENT "EARLY NEXT WEEK." THE UNI REPORT NOTES THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND SIKKIM WILL CONTINUE TO BE GOVERNED BY THE 1950 TREATY, AND THAT NEW DELHI POLITICAL OPPOSITION LEADERS HAVE BEEN CONSULTED AND GENERALLY WELCOME THE DECISION.

2. COMMENT: DIRECTOR OF MEA NORTHERN DIVISION RANA TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER IN A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION LATE AFTERNOON AUGUST 29 THAT HE WAS NOT PREPARED TO COMMENT OFFICIALLY ON THE UNI REPORT AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER HE DID SAY ANY PRESS STATEMENT THAT SIKKIM WOULD BECOME AN "INTEGRAL PART" OF INDIA WOULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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